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## SISSON DEFENDS ATTACK ON 50-50

Tells Why Half-and-Half Principle Was Rejected.

Attempt to justify his action in re-

appropriations. At the opening of the session today Representative Sisson called up for immediate action the District appropriation bill which he reported Sat-urday. General debate was limited to five hours, with Representative Garner of Texas in the chair.

## Defeated in Last Session.

The first item in the bill proposes to change the fiscal relations between the government and the Capital city. The wording of this new legislation identical with the Gard resolution bich was defeated in the last session

which was defeated in the last session of Congress.

Representative Sisson said this proposition was prepared long ago by the gentleman who is now chairman of the committee on appropriations. In urging this as an appropriate time in his opinion for changing the fiscal relations, he said the District officials are now asking for a reduction in the rate of taxation because more money is being received from taxes than is needed for the expenses of the District under the half-and-half system. He reviewed the establishment of the organic act and pointed out that the action of Congress "as a gratuity has aided in reducing the \$40,000,000 findebtedness of the city so that by 1922 all the bonds will have been paid."

The conditions of the streets in Washington were described by Representative Towner of Iowa as a discrete to any city. He said they were

Washington were described by Representative Towner of Iowa as a disgrace to any city. He said they were both dirty and unsafe. Due to reck-

both dirty and unsafe. Due to reckless and excessive speed by automobilists, Representative Towner said, it was unsafe for women and children to be on the street during certain hours.

Refers to Labor Shortage.

Mr. Sisson explained that this condition was due largely to the fact that there was a labor shortage, and that it was impossible to get labor to keep the streets in proper condition. He said the appropriations for streets are justified by conditions imposed by the war, and that all the appropriations asked for had been granted and that most of the unexpended appropriations in the last fiscal year had been continued.

In endeavoring to emphasize what he helieved is an envisible tax rate.

Brilay's Casualties Put at Eighteen ZURICH, December 8.—The casualties in the fighting at Berlin Friday amounted to 180, according to latest Berlin advices received here Saturday. The spartagus or radical socialist group are reported to be defending with machine guns three sections of the suburbs of Berlin.

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Representative Sisson said there never was a time in the history of the city when there was as much difficulty in getting proper material for policemen.

Representative Linthicum of Maryland suggested that the District with the policement of the

land suggested that the District ought to pay its school teachers bet-

ter salaries.
"I agree," said Mr. Sisson, "that teachers' salaries throughout the united States are altogether too

The change proposed in the appointment of the school board was explained by Representative Sisson. He said that the District Supreme Court, which appoints the board, must now depend to a large extent upon the commissioners for information as to the appointments, and it was thought better to transfer the appointing power to the Commissioners.

## 10 EXPEDITE WAR CONTRACTS

avia Lacks Coal for Industries. VICH, Bavaria, Saturday, Novem-7 (by the Associated Press) .fown within a few weeks at the

# ARRAIGNS GERMAN LEADERS FOR RIOT

Chairman in House Debate Dr. Liebknecht Would Have Our State Constitution of Spartacus Group Appear as Martyrs.

OTHERS DISCUSS ACTION BERLIN BECOMES QUIET NO REPEAL BY RIDER

By the Associated Press.

porting new legislation to abrogate | BERLIN, Sunday, December 8.the half-and-half system of financing | Eager to make members of the Sparthe District, attached to the District's tacus party martyrs as the result of

> walkout These men and women marched through Unter den Linden to the Tiergarten until they reached the point where the Avenue of Victory intersects the Charlotten-burger Shaussee. There Dr. Lieb-knecht mounted the base of one of the granite statues erected in honor of the Hohenzollerns and made an

> Flanked on All Sides by Guns. The semi-circle of Dr. Liebknecht's proaches. Dr. Liebknecht harangued the crowd in his familiar style, indicting Friedrick Ebert, the premier; as the organic act was in 1878.

Social Democracy Gap Widens. The rioting of Friday in Berlin, the mysterious raid on the executive committee of the soldiers and work-men's council, and the demonstration by soldiers and sailors on behalf of Chancellor Ebert when he was ac-claimed as president of the republic, but set aside the honor, have in-tensified the existing gap between the two wings of the social democ-

Soldiers Revolt in Munich. trin is so short of industrial coal industries are closing daily of them may be compelled to the weeks at the county within a few weeks at the resignation, which he conceded. men without positions to the large Revolutionists also stormed the

tense ire of nine-tenths of the peo-

## TASK OF FRAMING **NEW ORGANIC ACT**

This Century to Be as Wise and Fair as That of 1878.

Editorial Correspondence of 'The Star. appropriation bill, was made on the Friday's rioting, Dr. Karl Liebknecht, and capital, wisely established by the floor of the House today by Repre- the leader of this faction, lost no organic act of 1878, will as a result sentative Sisson of Mississippi, chair- time in staging a spectacular open- of changes of conditions in the last

> The insistence, only reluctantly His call for the meeting brought forth 4,000 munition workers, who had responded to the demand for a ceding House upon the repeal of the ceding House upon the repeal of the half-and-half provision of the organic act; the insistence of the Senate that there shall be no premature, lopsided, from un-American and unjust discriminations against them, no longer necessary in the national interest, will naturally result before many months auditors was flanked on all sides by machine guns mounted on motor trucks, which commanded all ap-

> > Framing a New Organic Act. A new organic act, a new state con

A new organic act, a new state constitution, for the District of Columbia will receive in preparation the thorough and careful consideration which wisely characterizes every alteration of fundamental law.

The organic act of 1878, with its compromises, its balances, its offsetting of equities, is an integral whole; and any substitute for it should also be complete, rounded and balanced in all its parts; and its framers in molding it should give to all the equities of all the parties concerned the same wise and fair consideration that was given by the statesmen of the last century in their four years' labor of framing the organic act and establishing the half-and-half principle.

As the first step toward the solution of this legislative problem the House should refrain from insistence upon repeal of the half-and-half provision of the organic act by legislative rider or "limitation" upon the District appropriation bill.

No Repeal by Rider.

This issue, the renewal of which is threatened by the District appropriation bill as reported to the House by the appropriations committee, is identical with that which for months deadlocked House and Senate last year, and which was also fought until the

functions of the organic act are bal-anced, intertwined and inseparable. From 1800, for about three quarnity enjoyed the privilege of municipal self-government and self-taxation. self-government and self-taxation. In the exercise of this privilege and claimed as president of the republic, but set aside the honor, have intensified the existing gap between the two wings of the social democracy, which seem now more than ever hopelessly divided.

Political onlookers are wondering today whether the Ebert and Haase factions have reached the parting of the ways, and are asking what will be the attitude of the Berlin regiments from the front when they arrive home next week.

In the exercise of this privilege and in the effort to bear alone the whole burden of capital-maintenance, it twice taxed itself into bankruptcy. The nation had also during this period the same privilege of this privilege and in the effort to bear alone the whole burden of capital-maintenance, it twice taxed itself into bankruptcy. The nation had also during this period the same privilege of taxing it will be the same privilege and in the effort to bear alone the whole burden of capital-maintenance, it twice taxed itself into bankruptcy. The nation had also during this period the same privilege and in the effort to bear alone the whole burden of capital-maintenance, it twice taxed itself into bankruptcy. The nation had also during the self what it pleased for capital upberiod to period the same privilege and in the effort to bear alone the whole burden of capital-maintenance, it twice taxed itself into bankruptcy. The nation had also during the self what it pleased for capital upberiod the same privilege and in the effort to bear alone the whole burden of capital-maintenance, it twice taxed itself into bankruptcy. The nation had also during the burden of capital-maintenance, it twice taxed itself for the period the same privilege and the burden of capital-maintenance, it twice taxed itself for the period the same privilege and the burden of capital-maintenance, it twice taxed itself for the period the same privilege and the burden of capital-maintenance, it twice taxed itself for the period the same privilege of taxing itself into bankruptcy.

The attorney General and the commissioner of internal revenue.

Lital Crash in New York Subway.

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assistant secretary of New Jersey. (Continued on Tenth Page.)



News Note: The former Crown Prince of Germany spends much of his time in Holland dressing in his uniform and admiring himself in the mirror.

Be Considered by House Committee.

Supplementary estimates of Disstarting July 1 next, amounting to the Senate committee investigating \$466,750, have been submitted to the German and brewery propaganda to-House appropriations committee.

for two tractors, motor driven, \$4,000, in addition to \$9,000 already reported; for three fire engines, motor driven, \$6,000, in addition to \$25,500 already reported; for four combination chemical and hose wagons, motor driven, \$1,800, in addition to \$23,200 already

# NATIONAL RAILWAY SÝSTEM PROPOSED

Representative Gray Offers **Bill Which Gives Employes** Part in Management.

Establishment of a national railway system under federal incorporation and charter is proposed by Representative Edward W. Gray of New Jersey, in a bill introduced in the House today.

The plan proposed differs from anything in the line of national railway legislation that has so far been suggested. It makes participation in the proposed national system a matter of voluntary action on the part of the railways, provides for a board of directors, in which the government, stockholders, bondholders and employes shall be represented, giving the employes a voice in the management and a share in surplus earnings.

The District should be represented in Congress whether Congress retains or surrenders sole legislative power in respect to the District. National representation and the half-and-half law are not alternatives, contradictory, hostile, repellant. On the contrary, they co-exist and co-operate harmoniously and deneficially. Pelitical equity and financial equity go naturally hand in hand.

Taxpayers Should Control Taxes.

But the half-and-half law and the right of municipal self-taxation are logical alternatives, and one may be the substitute for the other. Under the law as it stands the nation is in assistant secretary of New Jersey.

Dill was a direct monetary appeal not only to the stockholders and bond-hold food only to the stockholders and bond-hold flaw worked on by munition factories. A letter from him to the government. The design is to to the embassy was read in which he to the other stands of each of the endeasy worked on by munition plants at Allentown.

A telegram from Simon Strauss, alternative for Lea, Minn., asserting his loyalty to this country, was read into the other to the public.

"The labor issue is met squarely," said Representative Gray. "Lockouts and strikes are declared unlawful, pending final determination of appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission and then to the courts."

The bill was proposed at conferences with Glen Winship of New York city and J. B. R. Smith, for many years assistant secretary of New Jersey.

# BERNSTORFF FILES U.S. FORCE PRAISED YIELDING SECRETS BY BERLIN OFFICIAL

on Alleged German and Brewery Propaganda.

FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR ORDERS TO CONSULS READ

More letters from the secret files trict expenses for the fiscal year of Count von Bernstorff were read to day by A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice. Among them were instructions to all German con-suls in the United States to get Ger-

man subjects out of plants producing materials for the allies. The consuls were ordered to stop Germans above the rank of common laborer from working in such plants, nder a section of the imperial of and to report to the German consulate

in New York. Reads From Dr. Fuehr's Diary. When the committee resumed its hearing this morning, Chief Bielaski read from the diary of Dr. Karl F. publication of private letters of Heinnerich F. Albert, he consulted with Albert at Cedarhurst, N. Y., and later discussed the incident with

## Samuel Untermyer.

Instructions to Consuls. Letters from the files of Count von Bernstorff, the former German am-bassador, were read by Mr. Bielaski, both the financial and the political relations of nation and capital. It fixed the equities both as to money contributions toward capital upbuilding through local taxation and considered addition to \$12.500 electrons and consults in the United States directing them to endeavor to prevent German subjects from work-addition to \$12.500 electrons and constraints. estopped from such employment under paragraph 89 of the imperial German

> Similar instructions were later sent to Austrian consuls, he said. Reports from the consuls were to be sent to the German consulate at 11. Broad-way, New York.

## Paid Expenses of Bureau.

Bielaski submitted letters to the committee showing that the Hans Lebeau relief bureau was organized in New York to aid in the work of causing Germans and Austrians to had been obtained, Bleiaski said, that the German and Austrian governments paid all the expenses. Lebeau was paid \$75 a week for his work.

Branches of the bureau were established in principal cities. Names of German and Austrian workers in munition plants were obtained and a systematic campaign was conducted systematic campaign was conducted o cause them to give up their em ployment. Other work was found by the bureau for those who could not to so themselves.

A report made to the German em-

bassy, February, 1916, by Lebeau showed that the bureau had placed 4,456 laborers at other work in the six and one-half months preceding, and that many skilled workers who had no trouble finding other work themselves had been persuaded to leave the munition plants. leave the munition plants.

## Military-Trained Men Listed. Lebeau stated that the "patriotic allegiance of the workers to their fatherland had been awakened," and

Representative Gray said that the bill was a direct monetary appeal not

UTTAWA, December 9.—The following names of Americans appear in today's overseas casualty list:
Died.—P. M. Lord, Los Angeles,
Prisoner of war.—F. Rossett, Chicago;
E. L. White, Decorah, Iowa, and F. R.

Supplementary Amounts to More Disclosures at Hearing Says Germans Generally Regard Conduct of Soldiers as "Blameless."

## TROOPS DUE AT COBLENZ

Gen. Pershing's report on the line reached by the American army of occupation in Germany last night "Units of the 3d American Army

north of Boms advanced today, reaching the line Meckemheim-Kempenich. South of Kempenich our lines remained unchanged. AMSTERDAM, Sunday, December 8 .-

Special praise is given the American

troops of occupation by a representative of the Berlin foreign ministry on his return from Treves, according to Berlin message today. "The judgment of all Germans, such as shopkeepers, hotelkeepers and the men on the streets," the official is

quoted as saying, "is that the behavior of the Americans is blameless Everything is following its normal Fuehr, German agent whose activities have been an important part of the investigations. The notes of Fuehr said that on the day following the said that on the day following the been issued which could in any way course, and the American columns are paying the greatest regard to civilian street traffic. No decrees have alarm the population" The American forces advancing to-

ward the Rhine will reach Coblenz on Monday, according to a message from Berlin quoting a representative the German foreign office, who just returned there from Treves.

## Troops Leave by Train.

AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, December 8 (by the Associated Press).—A battalion of the 39th Infantry left Treves by train today for fantry left Treves by train today for ties, who are apprehensive of the conditions that might prevail there after the withdrawal of the German

This is the first time the Americans have utilized railway trains for their advance into the territory from which the Germans have withdra

## Main Army Continues Advance. The main Army continues its advance in the usual manner, and last night had reached the general line

causing Germans and Austrians to give up their work in munition factories. This bureau was supposed to be a philanthropic organization supported by contributions, but proof had been obtained, Bielaski said, that the German and Austrian Sovers

## SOVIETS READY TO FLEE

Lebeau stated that the "patriotic allegiance of the workers to their fatherland had been awakened," and that it is approaching the moment of that the movement was growing in strength.

In addition to obtaining lists of munitions workers of German and an enrollment of those who had had an enrollment of those who had had their passports prepared in the work of the bureau was continued until after Bernstorff left.

The name of Theodore Otto, doctor at Allentown, Pa., was mentioned by Bielaski as one of the men in this embers of the government already being the property of the property of the saw to her pier in the control of the mem in this among the lowest classes, the German found, and the recognition was spreading ewerywhere that the government of those who had had had been awakened," and that it is approaching the moment of those moment of the moment of the moment of a German trade commission, ber of a German trade commission, who left Moscow on November 9. Bolshevit circles at that time were very depressed he reports, and many members of the government already had their passports prepared in the event they had to flee to Stockholm.

Discontent with the existing government was growing daily event they had to flee to Stockholm. Discontent with the existing government was growing daily event who furnished the German found, and the recognition was spreading everywhere that the government of those in the that it is approaching the moment of the mem in the sheet of the mem, a number of whom Ali of the men, a number of whom Ali of the men, a number of the swer wounded, but the first members of the 165th Infantry. To some the first members of the 165th Infantry formerly the 69th New York National Guard Regiment, were wounded, but the injuries of most of them were wounded by the injuries of most of them were wounded by the injuries of most of them were wounded by the injuries of most of them were during the first members of the Stockholm. Red Cross women and soldiers on the injuries of the swere the injuries of most o

## LEADERS IN SOUTH CONFER ON TRADE

Speaker Clark Is Confident, Now Trying to Influence He Says, President Will Uphold Sea Freedom.

## MEETING AT BALTIMORE SEEKS TO SPLIT ALLIES

ment and of international reconstruction brought about by the great conflict will be discussed by men disfessional life of the nation. Development of trade with South and Central

America will be given special consideration. Delegates from virtually every southern state were present when the convention was opened this forenoon with an invocation by Cardinal Gibbons and address of welcome by Gov.

Emerson C. Harrington, on behalf of the state of Maryland, and Mayor James H. Preston, who extended Baltimore's greeting to the visitors. with an invocation by Cardinal Gibtimore's greeting to the visitors.

America's future prosperity rests in large measure on the increase of its atives in Washington, it is asserted foreign trade, Speaker Champ Clark that the Germans are making specia of the House of Representatives said in an address at the opening of the

in an address at the opening of the convention.

"The one problem resulting from the war with which the Southern Commercial Congress is most concerned is what arrangement will be made touching the freedom of the seas," said Speaker Clark. "When but a handful, for the freedom of the seas, and the control o touching the freedom of the seas, said Speaker Clark. "When but a handful, for the freedom of the seas, we fought the most powerful nation on earth. Last year and this, we fought the central powers for the freedom of the seas, for, after all is said and done, that is the chief reason why we participated in the war.

Has Faith in the President.

"We can depend on President Wilson to secure freedom of the seas at the congress at Versailles. In that connection the principal question with which this commercial congress should wrestle is how to increase our foreign trade, for upon that rests in large measure the future prosperity of this republic."

The immense merchant marine built up during the war should be maintained forever, Mr. Clark declared, and added that the only way to do it "is to modernize our navigation laws, make our seamen the most efficient and above all things, increase our foreign trade."

"We have no time to lose in the mensation for the trade war which

"We have no time to lose in the isted until recent years. preparation for the trade war which comes simultaneously with peace," warned Speaker Clark in concluding. "Great Britain and France have here." "Great Britain and France have been busily and scientifically preparing for it even within the sound of the roar

## of the great guns. This Evening's Speakers.

This evening the League to Enforce
Peace will meet. Former President
Taft will speak on "The Moral Value" ones, and it is held that the This evening the League to Enforce of a League of Nations"; Oscar S.
Straus on "Winning the War for a
Reconstructed World"; Dr. Nicholas
Murray Butler on "The Things for
Which We Fight," and Edward Filene

The Straus on "The Norman of Polynomia and German Jews took up their abode, began to discriminate against the newcomers.

Proof is held to exist that Germany

congress.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Commercial Congress also met here. "Woman's Part in Interna-tional Construction" was the topic

## under discussion. MANY GO TO BALTIMORE.

Scores of Southerners to Attend
Opening of Commercial Congress.
Committees representing the local trade bodies and the Southern Society of Washington left for Baltimore this morning to attend the convention of the Southern Commercial Congress in that city.

A delegation of senators and representatives were included in the party. Scores of southerners en route to the Scores of southerners en route to the States and stating, in part:

A delegation of senators and representatives were included in the party. Scores of southerners en route to the convention spent Sunday in the National Capital and went to the Monumental city this marring. mental city this morning.

## U. S. TROOPSHIP HOME

among the lowest classes, the German found, and the recognition was spreading everywhere that the government had brought the country to the verge of ruin in every respect.

French Hero Honored

Among Chaplain Ray F. Jenney of Decatur, Chaplain Ray F. Jenney of C

French Hero Honored

PARIS, December 8.—A government al decree just issued names M. Jacquet, a merchant of Lille, a knight of the Legion of Honor. He was executed by the Germans on September 23, 1915, for having secreted French and English soldiers and assisted them to escape. He died heroically, his hands unbound and his eyes not blindfolded, crying "Long live France!"

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French Legion of Honor and the croix de guerre, and Lieut S. J. Baer of Murphysboro, Ill., wounded at Chateau Thierry, also the possessor of a French war cross.

A wireless message was received here this afternoon from the hospital ship Comfort, saying that the vessel, which carried 400 wounded American soldiers, would pass the Ambrose channel lighting will reach her pier in Hoboken late today. The Adriatic and the Kroonland, will reach her pier in Hoboken late today. The Adriatic and the Kroonland, washington's army in the attack of transports with about 3,600 troops, are the revolutionary war, one of his antection of Murphysboro, Ill., wounded at Chateau Thierry, also the possessor of a PHILADELPHIA, December 5.—Richard McCall Cadwalader, retired financier and lawyer, died today. Mr. Cadwalader, who was seventy-nine, carried 400 wounded American soldiers, would pass the Ambrose channel light, will reach her pier in Hoboken late today. The Adriatic and the Kroonland, washington's army in the attack of the control of the croix degree of Murphysboro, Ill., wounded at Chateau Thierry, also the possessor of a PHILADELPHIA, December 5.—Richard McCall Cadwalader, retired financier and lawyer, died today. Mr. Cadwalader, retired financier and lawyer, died today. Mr.

## HUNS' PROPAGANDA STILL BEING SOWN

TWO CENTS.

Peace Negotiations, Officials Believe.

Though the war is over, so far at BALTIMORE, December 9 .- The fighting is concerned, German propaworld trade after the world war" is ganda goes merrily on. Indeed, with he theme of the tenth annual con- the relaxation on censorship, both vention of the Southern Commercial here and abroad, there is a growing Congress, which assembled here today belief that German "paper fighting" for a week's session. The question is becoming more persistent than ever of the changed outlook, of readjust- before, in the hope of influencing peace negotiations.

Government officials in Washington, as well as diplomatic offices, tinguished in the business and pro- daily are encountering new evidences that the propaganda machine responds to no armistice.

## Object of Their Work. Hun publicists are seeking to irritate England with unfounded stories

concerning alleged American jealousy timore's greeting to the visitors.
Judge Robert W. Bingham, president of the congress, responded.

Speaker Champ Clark of the House of Representatives was announced to deliver the annual address.

Freedom of the Seas.

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ences of thought between France and Germany; they are busily engaged in emphasizing differences between Italy and the newly founded Jugo-Slav states.

But one of their activities which is causing most attention just now is the effort they are making to block the plan of an independent Poland which shall include the Polish peoples now under German and Austrian domination.

efforts in this regard, because they face a difficult problem, in view of the fact that President Wilson has been specific and definite about an independent Poland. The thirteenth of his fourteen peace principles states:

## President for Free Poland.

"An independent Polish state should

Kichnieff massacre, large numbers of Jews from both countries went to these countries because of the equal-ity of treatment accorded them.

## Influx Causes Resentment.

According to the Poles this influx

Optimism." At the allied war exposition at the armory in connection with the convention are exhibited many trophies and relies from the battlefields of Europe.

Clergymen of nearly every denomination in Baltimore devoted their sermons yesterday to the theme "World Peace Based on Justice and the convention of the conv To inquire into the pogroms a commission now is being formed, according to an announcement by John F. Smulski, president of the national Polish department, which shall go to Poland to report on exact conditions there. Three Poles are to be on this commission, three Jews, and it is hoped to get the government to add

## stating, in part:

Claims to Be Recognized. We ask that the government make clear that the claims of only such nations will be recognized which, by the treatment of national minorities, prove worthy of political national independence."

WITH 1,500 UN BUAND
WHEN FINAL BLOW FALLS

NEW YORK, December 9.—The
United States Army transport Sierra,
with thirty-five officers and 1,531

Member of German Trade Commission Says Leaders Have Procured
Passports, Before Overthrow.

AMSTERDAM, December 8.—The
Russian soviet government is aware
that it is approaching the moment of independence

Retired Financier and Lawyer of Philadelphia Succumbs.

## THEODORE W. NOYES,

Apparently the relations of nation man of the subcommittee on District air meeting at the Tiergarten last forty years be radically altered by the next Congress.

No Repeal by Rider.

gressional appropriations, and as to division of the power of government in the District between the nation and the local community. These two of a century, the local commu-

Bill Proposes That Copies Be Filed

With Bureaus.

Under a bill by Senator Ring of Senate judiciary committee, all persons, firms and corporations having the war began would be required to senate with the varbegan would be required to senate so the special senate senate senate so the special senate senat

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